

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge capstone attainments of Show-Me State residents who have stepped forward in local communities to take their places in elective office; and

Whereas, Bill Quitmeier has done that gracefully and effectively as mayor of Parkville since 1991 when he was appointed by the Board of Aldermen to fulfill the remainder of the term vacated upon the death of Warren "Dutch" Gresham; and

Whereas, having dedicated himself to public office since he was first elected as alderman in 1985, a task he undertook and accomplished with the loving support of his wife, Nancy, and their children Lindsey, Lesley, and Dan, Mayor Quitmeier has made the difficult decision to step down from his weighty duties and responsibilities in 2002; and

Whereas, during his decade-plus in the city's top office, Mayor Quitmeier has overseen and in many cases instigated significant changes to the city he loves, including the doubling of its population to approximately 4,200 citizens, the growth of the annual operating budget by more than 650 percent to \$2,355,000, and a 500 percent increase in the size of the city to its current 18 square miles; and

Whereas, Bill Quitmeier demonstrated astute leadership during the flood of 1993 when much of the town was devastated, and following the derailment of a 28-car coal train in our historic downtown; and

Whereas, he steered the riverboat issue through the currents of great controversy, making sure the voice of the citizens was heard and allowed to prevail in all aspects of the issue; and

Whereas, Bill sought and obtained voter approval for a new City Hall and a new sewer plant, and negotiated the purchase of English Landing Park land from Park University, supported the ongoing improvement and expansion of the Parkville Nature Sanctuary; and

Whereas, through great tenacity and determination and against all odds, he persuaded highway officials to make earlier and more attractive and usable improvements to Highway 45 than originally planned; and

Whereas, these and his many other civic achievements were not made without great sacrifice on his part:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant vision, contributions, and leadership of Bill Quitmeier while Mayor of Parkville and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he shifts the focus of his endeavors to other venues and opportunities; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of departing Mayor Bill Quitmeier of Parkville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Meg Harding, District #30

Representative Susan Phillips, District #32

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 899, adopted March 19, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker